

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 31 are pending in this application. Claims 3 and 32 to 34 were cancelled. Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10, 14, 15, 24 to 27 and 29 to 31 were amended.

Claims 1 to 7, 9 to 12, 14, 15 and 23 to 30 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. Applicants will address below each of the rejections by claim number.

Claim 1 – The term “groups” was amended to “group” and the term blocking groups has been defined. Support for the definition of blocking groups may be found on page 17 lines 1 to 17 of the specification. Support for the amendment to the definition of L may be found in cancelled claim 3. The Office Action requested clarification when Z is Y and Y is H and T is a direct bond. This simply means that the triazine is “substituted” with a hydrogen atom. A direct bond for T means that Z can be directly attached to the triazine ring.

Claim 2 – The rejection for claim 2 has been rendered moot by the amendment to claims 1 and 2.

Claim 3 – has been cancelled.

Claim 4 – the dependency has been changed to claim 1 and the term blocking group has been deleted. Therefore, the rejection has been rendered moot by the amendment to this claim.

Claim 5 and 6 – With respect to the question in the Office Action, T is a direct bond and thus Z is directly attached to the triazine as discussed above.

Claim 7 – The rejection to claim 7 has been rendered moot by the amendment.

Claim 9 – Applicants wish to clarify that this is an independent claim and thus no support is needed in claim 1. The definition of T, Z, R₁ to R₇ and X as having the same definition in claim 1 was only to save space and to make the claim easier to read. Applicants will be willing to amend this and independent Claims 10 to 12 below to incorporate these definitions if the Examiner insists that they are required. The definitions of R²² to R³⁰ have been deleted.

Claim 10 - Claim 10 is also an independent claim with similar reasoning as claim 9. The definition of R¹⁸ has been deleted and u, nn and mm have been defined. Support for the definitions of u, nn and mm may be found in original claim 9.

Claims 11 and 12 - Claims 11 and 12 are also independent claims with similar reasoning as claim 9.

Claim 14 - The rejection to claim 14 has been rendered moot by the amendment.

Claim 15 – The term “ABS”, “PPO” and “TPO” have been defined in the amendment to claim 15. TPU is a typographical error and should have been TPO, i.e., thermoplastic olefin (see support on page 24, line 25).

Claims 23 and 28 – These claims were rejected because the prefix β was not defined. Applicants would like to clarify that β is the Greek symbol for “beta” which is analogous to the Greek symbol “alpha – α ” and merely indicates the position of the substituent atom or group in a compound. This is common chemical naming nomenclature and thus the rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 24 and 25 – The rejection to Claim 24 and 25 have been rendered moot by the amendment to these claims.

Claim 26 - The term “ABS” and “TPO” have been defined in the amendment to claim 26.

Claim 27 - The rejection to claim 27 has been rendered moot by the amendment.

Claim 29 - The rejection to claim 29 has been rendered moot by the amendment.

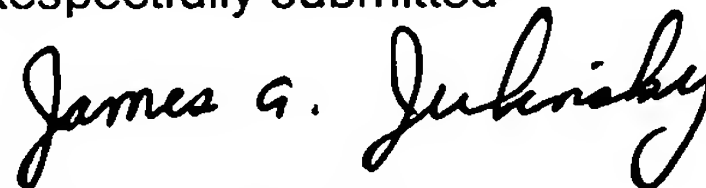
Claim 30 - The term “ABS”, “PPO” and “TPO” have been defined in the amendment to claim 15. As discussed in claim 15 above, TPU is a typographical error and should have been TPO, i.e., thermoplastic olefin (see support on page 24, line 25).

Claims 31 to 34 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by the article by Chang et al. The rejection to claim 31 has been rendered moot by the amendment since W is no longer halogen or chlorine. Claims 32 to 34 were cancelled.

Applicants believe they have addressed all issues in the Office Action. It is believed that the pending Claims 1, 2 and 4 to 31 are in condition for allowance and an early notification of such allowance would be appreciated.

If any outstanding issues remain, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number indicated below. No fee is due for the submission of this Amendment. If any fee is due, please charge such fee to deposit account 03-4083.

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